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SUBJECT: EXTENSION OF NORAD AGREEMENT

1. CANADIAN GOVERNMENT WILL ANNOUNCE IN PARLIAMENT APRIL 17 THAT U. S. AND CANADA HAVE AGREED EXTEND NORAD AGREEMENT IN ITS PRESENT FORM FOR TWO YEAR PERIOD COMMENCING MAY 12.

2. WE PLAN VOLUNTEER FOLLOWING STATEMENT AT APRIL 18 NOON BRIEFING:

THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA HAVE AGREED IN PRINCIPLE TO AN EXTENSION, UNDER THE SAME TERMS AND CONDITIONS AS ARE NOW IN EFFECT, OF THE NORTH AMERICAN AIR DEFENSE COMMAND (NORAD) AGREEMENT. THE EXTENSION WILL BE FOR A PERIOD OF TWO YEARS FROM MAY 12, 1973, THE DATE UPON WHICH THE PRESENT FIVE- YEAR TERM OF THE AGREEMENT EXPIRES.

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ESTABLISHED IN 1958 BY AGREEMENT OF THE TWO GOVERNMENTS,
AND RENEWED IN 1968, NORAD IS A JOINT COMMAND WHICH
PROVIDES FOR THE DEFENSE OF THE NORTH AMERICAN CONTINENT
AGAINST AIR ATTACK. AIR DEFENSE FORCES ASSIGNED TO NORAD
BY THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA ARE UNDER THE OPERA-
TIONAL CONTROL OF THE COMMANDER- IN- CHIEF, NORAD, WHO DIRECTS

HIS FORCES IN ACCORDANCE WITH GUIDANCE FORMULATED JOINTLY
BY THE TWO GOVERNMENTS.

THE PRESENT COMMANDER- IN- CHIEF OF THE COMMAND WITH HEAD-
QUARTERS IN COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO IS GENERAL SETH
J. MCKEE, UNITED STATES AIR FORCE. HIS DEPUTY IS
LIEUTENANT GENERAL R. J. LANE, CANADIAN FORCES. ROGERS

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